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SUBJ: NEW CITY-KAN

REF: STATE 028118

1. YOU MAY TELL SMITH RUMOR HAS SUBSTANCE.
2. KAN PROJECT IS "NEW CITY" LOCATION ADJACENT CITY LIMITS NORTHWEST TEHRAN BEYOND CIRCUMFERENTIAL PARKWAY SYSTEM.
3. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT GOAL IS 3,500-5,00 HOUSING UNITS SPECIFICALLY CONSTRUCTED FOR EXPATRIATES.
4. EMERGENCY EXPATRIATE HOUSING SCHEME IS PILOT PROJECT DIRECTLY UNDER MINISTRY OF HOUSING. IN GENERAL, MINISTRY IS PLANNING COORDINATION ARM AND DOES NOT CONTRACT DIRECTLY FOR HOUSING UNITS (CONTRACTING ARM IS HOUSING ORGANIZATION, SEMI-AUTONOMOUS AFFILIATE UNDER MANAGING DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT BANKS SUCH AS MORTGAGE BANK, OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THROUGH TURNKEY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS). IN THIS SPECIAL INSTANCE, HOWEVER, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR HOUSING KERKORIAN'S STAFF IN MINISTRY WILL BE CONTRACTING DIRECTLY. DETAILED SITE PLAN COMPLETED ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO AND MINISTRY NOW CONSIDERING PROPOS *ROM 7-9 COMPANIES FOR PORTIONS OF PROJECT. SEVERAL

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REPORTEDLY ARE US FIRMS.

5. MINISTRY IS NOT CONSIDERING ANY ADDITIONAL COMPANIES FOR THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT. INITIALLY PLAN WAS FOR MIN TO PRUCHASE HOMES OUTRIGHT AND MANAGE DIRECTLY. BELIEVE, HOWEVER, PRAGMATIC ASPECTS REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT MAY CAUSE CHANGE IN THIS APPROACH BEFORE COMPLETION PROJECT.

6. THERE ARE, OF COURSE, OTHER HOUSING PROJECTS HERE BUT GREAT BULK OF HOUSING INCREASINGLY DESIGNATED FOR PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT RATHER THAN DIRECT GOVERNMENT CONTRACT. BEST APPROACH FOR BOISE CORPORATION IS PERSONAL VISIT BY REP FOR SURVEY OF GOVERNMENT PLANS AND SEEKING OF PRIVATE SECTOR ASSOCIATE VIRTUALLY NECESSARY FOR PURSUIT CONTRACTS.

7. FYI: USIRJC HOUSING STUDY GROUP REPS SEPTEMBER MEETING TEHRAN SHOULD HAVE YKME BACKGROUND RE SUBJECT FOR USE REQUESTING OFFICER AND SMITH.
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